





**The Speech.**  
The speech with which the Legislative Council was opened yesterday will be found elsewhere. Regarding it as a whole, the verdict of public opinion will undoubtedly be highly favorable. It is no empty compliment to characterize it as a manly, honest, outspoken and statesmanlike document, singularly free from the vague and unmeaning language of diplomacy of which such documents are too frequently made up. The colonists generally had their expectations respecting the Governor's abilities raised considerably above zero; and a perusal of the speech and the conditions of union with which it was accompanied will certainly not produce a feeling of disappointment. Descending to particulars, one realizes the existence of food for the least tincture of dissatisfaction. We shall scarcely be expected in the present article to review in order all the paragraphs which make up this interesting and able State paper; nor would such a course appear to be necessary where no word of ours could possibly increase that luminosity by which it is pervaded. There are, however, a few points to which we may cursorily allude. The subsidies necessary to the maintenance of telegraphic communication with the outside world may be grudged, (especially by those residing on the Mainland, if the internal telegraphic system is to be abandoned; and, without intending the slightest disrespect to the Executive, we venture to think that arrangements could be entered into with the company which would obviate the necessity of so large an immediate expenditure as has been named. The deficit of last year is somewhat startling and demonstrates that Mr. Macgregor came none too soon. The proposition to make provision for funding the public debt may be considered to lose some of its interest in view of the apparent imminence of Confederation. The measure is an excellent one; and it is difficult to understand why it has been so long delayed. It was doubtless as agreeable to the Governor to announce as it is to the public to learn that the great Judiciary grievance has at length disappeared; but we are disposed to think the people will not quite concur in the opinion that it is necessary to mark the working of the system under the Ordinance of last session before making further advance. In regard to the question of expense, it should not be forgotten that, under Confederation, the Federal Government alone is concerned; and the Canadian Government will readily understand how necessary it is that a Province so remote should be provided with a Court of Appeal. It would appear to be the opinion of His Excellency that the colony can get on without such a Court until after admission. Our own opinion is that the appointment of a second Puisne Judge and the establishment of a proper Court of Appeal should precede Confederation. Coming to the question of union with Canada, the speech is very emphatic, and is equally frank; and it is just here that we find words which we could wish had never been uttered. With His Excellency's views and conclusions respecting the unfitness of British Columbia for self-government we must respectfully but very emphatically differ. In the few colonists with whom he has come in contact the Governor cannot have failed to discover an amount of intelligence and fitness for the management of their own affairs not common in new communities; and with the larger questions transferred to Ottawa, it is a poor recognition of the superior intelligence to be adjudged unfit for self-government. While according to His Excellency the fullest credit for being actuated, in this as in all else, by an honest desire to promote the best interests of the colony, we give him fair warning that the time is past when intelligent Anglo-Saxon communities in North America can be told, with any degree of safety, that they are not the best judges of their own local affairs. The announcement of a postal convention with the Government of the United States, giving this colony a more regular and cheap international mail service, will be received with universal satisfaction. The question naturally obtrudes itself upon one's mind, 'Why was not this done long ago?' One cannot well resist the conclusion, which the Governor has arrived at, that the inexpediency of much present legislation, in view of the nearness of Confederation; and it is doubtless correct to include the Customs Tariff amongst those subjects so affected by the larger political changes. The colonists will join, with His Excellency in regretting the untoward circumstance which prevented his presence at the opening of the first session under his administration; nor will they fail to glean from the speech free evidence of the laborious zeal with which he has devoted himself to a faithful discharge of those onerous and important duties which appertain to his office.

**A CHANCE FOR BARGAINS IN CLOTHING.**—A. Gilmore, Yates street, near Government, has commenced to sell off his entire stock of ready-made clothing at cost, to close out that branch of his business, as he intends to confine his attention to MERCHANT TAILORING. Garments of every description made to order in the most fashionable styles at greatly reduced prices.

**Who Says It?**—Everybody says it—that the Blue Post acts the best lunch in the city, from 11 a. m. to four p. m. every day. Bushell—as his name indicates—believes in good measure, too, which is another recommendation.

**AT HALF PRICE!**  
BEST QUALITY  
**CUT GLASSWARE.**  
A FINE LOT OF DECANTERS OF THE latest fashion, Wine Glasses, Hooks and Tumblers of finest Quality, Ex-Princes of Wales, for sale at half the retail price by  
**HENRY NATHAN, JR. & CO.**  
1615 1m  
Wharf St. Victoria.

**Barnard's Express.**  
WILL BE DISPATCHED from the office, Yates street, on WEDNESDAY MORNING at 8 30 o'clock, for Cariboo and Way Stations, carrying Freight and Passengers. Parcels must be made Watertight and not to exceed 50 pounds in weight.  
F. J. BARNARD.  
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**THE CARIBOO PORK MARKET.**  
**MESSEURS EVANS & WILLIAMS,** formerly in the employ of Wm. Phillips, Birmingham, Sausage-Maker to the Queen, beg to inform the public of Victoria that they have opened a splendid Establishment on GOVERNMENT STREET, opposite the Bank of British Columbia, where they manufacture the best of  
**Sausages from Grain Fed Island Pork,** Seasoned in English, German, French, Italian, and British Columbia styles.  
MRS. EVANS' celebrated  
**Melton Mowbray Pork Pies** always on hand and made to order.  
BACON and HAMS cured in the best style, and everything connected with the above establishment can be had pure and unadulterated.  
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**W. HEBBARD.**  
Government Street, between the Theatre and Fort Street.  
**House Agent.**  
Rents & Debts Collected.  
**HAS ON HAND A LARGE ASSORTMENT** of English Chairs, which he offers for sale cheap or cash.  
1614 2m

**Groceries, Provisions**  
—AND—  
**FEED.**  
**FLOUR**—Extra Superfine and Graham  
**FEED**—Wheat, Bran, Middlings, Oats, Ground Barley  
**SUGAR**—Crushed, Powdered, S. I. and China  
**CANDLES**—Price's Belmont, German and American  
**NUTS**—Walnuts, Almonds, Filberts and Peanuts  
**TEA**—Japan, U. S. and U. S. A.  
**SOAP.**  
**Kane's Condensed.**  
Dyer's, Fay's, Manila, Toilet & Soap Powder  
Sait, Cheese, Tobacco, Rhubarb, Cocoa, Sardines, Sago, Pearl Barley, Split Peas, Rice, Wrapping Paper, Paper Bags, Oysters, Lobsters, Raisins, Currants, Nutmeal, Cornmeal, Buckwheat, Farina, Hominy, &c., &c.  
A general assortment of the above just received and for sale by  
1611 1m  
**RICHARD CARR,** Wharf street.

**JUST RECEIVED.**  
**BEST ASSORTMENT FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.**  
**NOLTEMEIER BROS.,**  
**Boot and Shoe Dealers**  
**HAVE THE BEST SE-**  
lected stock of BOOTS and SHOES  
ever brought to this Coast, which they offer  
**VERY LOW FOR CASH**  
People need not have wet or cold feet this winter. Come and see for yourselves!  
Government Street next to the St. Nicholas Hotel.  
1611 1m

**FRED'K. REYNOLDS,**  
**FAMILY BUTCHER**  
WHOLESALE & RETAIL DEALER IN  
**Meats and Vegetables,**  
PURVEYOR BY APPOINTMENT TO  
**HER MAJESTY'S ROYAL NAVY.**  
**THE BEST ASSORTMENT OF ISLAND** and Mainland BEEF and MUTTON constantly on hand.  
Hotel, Restaurants and Families supplied at short notice, and Meats delivered FREE OF CHARGE to any part of the City or Suburbs with accuracy and dispatch.  
Ships and Steamers supplied by contract at LOW RATES.  
**LONDON MARKET.**  
**F. S. BUSHELL,**  
Pianoforte Tuner & Regulator  
JOHNSON STREET.  
Or Messrs. Hadden & Co's Bookstore, Government St., Victoria, B. C. n22-6m

**Duval Cottage To Let.**  
**THE DESIRABLY SITUATED** and commodious cottage, containing 6 rooms, out-houses, &c., at present in the occupancy of Chief Justice Neeldham, is offered for rent low. Apply to  
1613 1m  
L. LOWE-BERG, Government St.

**BUCKSKIN FOR SALE.**  
**ARTHUR CHURTON,** of NEW WEST-  
minster, calls the attention of the Public and those who use BUCKSKIN, to the incomparable excellence of his products, which for Quality, Strength, and great durability will ensure universal preference.  
Price, 5/- per lb. per doz. skins.  
All orders to be accompanied promptly attended to.  
**GUNPOWDER.**  
**THE CALIFORNIA POWDER WORKS**  
Sporting, Rifle and Blasting Powder, in cans and kegs fresh from the Mill at San Francisco. For sale by  
1617  
J. ROBERTSON STEWART.

**TO LET.**  
**A MILK RANCH WITH BUILDINGS** containing 35 acres, about 1 1/2 miles from the City and cleared.  
—ALSO—  
4 Acres with a 3-roomed house, same distance.  
Apply to  
1615 1m  
J. R. TIMMERMAN, Land Agent, Fort St.

**Clean Your Chimneys.**  
**BENJAMIN WAKEFIELD** begs to inform the Public of Victoria that, having had many years experience in Sweeping and Cleaning Chimneys, and preventing their smoking, he is prepared to execute all orders in that line, general work included. He has a large stock of Chimney Sweepers on Fort Street or at the third house East of the Bavaria Brewery, will be promptly attended to.  
1611 3m 2,

**FOR SALE.**  
**CORDS DRY WOOD.**  
Apply to  
1615 1m  
J. W. WILLIAMS, Livery Stable, Cor. Johnson & Government Sts.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**  
**FRENCH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.**  
Founded in Victoria, B. C., February 24th, 1860.  
**THE POSITION OF THE ABOVE SOCIETY** at the end of 1869, as compared with 1868, is as follows:  
1868. 1869.  
A House.....\$ 210 00 A House.....\$ 950 00  
Land.....275 00 Land.....275 00  
Furniture.....875 00 Furniture.....425 00  
Mortgage.....1000 00 Mortgage.....1000 00  
In the Bank.....267 45 In the Bank.....289 93  
\$2607 45 \$3339 93  
Balance in favor of 1869.....\$472 45.  
The following Officers have been elected for the Year 1870:  
S. DRIARD, President.  
JULIUS RUEFF, Vice President.  
JOHN KRIEMER, Treasurer.  
HONORE PASSERARI, Secretary.  
Directors—Felix Lalouze, Pierre Tisset, John Vogel.  
Dr. Powell—Medical Attendant.  
Thomas Chauveau—Attendant at the Hospital.  
Any person may become a member without distinction of religion or nationality.  
Every Subscriber is admitted to the Hospital free of any charge whatsoever, Doctor, Treatment and Attendance, with all the comforts of a home secured to them.  
Subscribers not wishing to enter the Hospital, can consult the Doctor of the Society and get Medicines free of charge.  
Every member of the Society is entitled to call in the Doctor at his residence, at the reduced price of One Dollar each visit. Medicine is free of charge.  
To celebrate the Anniversary of the Foundation of the French Benevolent Society a BANQUET will take place on Thursday the 24th of February next at 7 o'clock, at the Colonial Hotel.  
Tickets \$2 50, to be had from all the members of the Committee, and the Attendant of the Hospital.  
Victoria, B. C., 12th February, 1870. 1613

**NOTICE.**  
**THE OWNERS OR OWNERS OF A BLACK** AND WHITE GOAT have the same by calling on the undersigned and paying charges and damages. If not claimed within three days from date hereof, the animal will be sold by auction.  
JOHN CROWTHER,  
Cor. Quadra and Pandora Sts.  
Victoria, B. C., Feb 9, 1870. 1610 3

**WELLS, FARGO & CO'S EXPRESS.**  
Notice.  
ON AND AFTER THIS DATE THE rate on Letters sent through the Great Britain and Ireland will be TWENTY-FIVE CENTS per HALF-OUNCE, instead of 37 1/2 cents as heretofore.  
F. GARESCHE, Agent.  
Victoria, V. I., Feb'y 1st, 1870. 1612

**edonia** **envolent Association.**  
**A MEETING OF THE ABOVE ASSO-**  
ciation for the transaction of important business will be held at Smith's Hall, Government street, on Monday, the 14th inst., at half past 7 o'clock p. m. A full attendance of members is requested.  
1611 JOHN ROSE Sec'y.

**ARTHUR FELLOWS,**  
Commission Buyer and Ship-  
ping Agent,  
3 & 5 FRONT STREET, SAN FRANCISCO.  
**PURCHASER AT AUCTION AND** private sales. Gives particular attention to the purchase and shipping of Goods in Bond.  
Orders may be left with  
1611 6m  
LUMLEY FRANKLIN, Auctioneer, Victoria.

**WANTED.**  
**A SITUATION AS STEAMBOAT COOK** and to render housework, by a young woman. Address "N." at this office. 1611 1m

**VICTORIA DISTRICT SCHOOL BY-LAW** 1869.  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the School Rate of Two Dollars (\$2) per annum, on all Resident Household and Male Residents above the age of 10 years in the Victoria School District, is now due and payable to the Secretary of the Local Board, at the City Council Chambers, Broad street, 1611, on or before the 1st day of March, 1870.  
WM. LEIGH, Sec'y of Local Board.  
City Council Chambers, Feb 9, 1870. 1611 1m  
News Copy.

**Notice—To the Public.**  
**ALL PERSONS ARE CAUTIONED** against trusting my wife Mary Ann Scully or any of my children on my account, as I will not be responsible for debts contracted by them after this date.  
WILLIAM SCULLY.  
More St, Victoria Dist, B. C., Feb 8, 1870. 1610\*

**TO BE LET**  
**THE COMMODIOUS, WELL-ILLUSTRATED** Dwelling House in James Bay, containing 6 Rooms and Kitchen, with Out-houses, &c., also a well-stocked Fruit garden, now occupied by Mr. Lang.  
For particulars apply to  
1613  
16 LOWENBERG, Government St.

**BAILEY'S HOTEL.**  
LANGLEY STREET, VICTORIA, V. I.  
**N. O. BAILEY**  
**REGS TO RETURN THANKS TO HIS** Friends and the Public in general for past favors, and to inform them that he is still to be found at his old stand, where every attention is paid to the comfort of his patrons.  
The Rates of Charges are as follows:  
Board and Lodging per Week.....\$5 to \$6 50  
per Day.....\$1 00  
Single Meals.....50c  
Beds.....20c  
Attached to the HOTEL is a BAR, where the best of WINES, SPIRITS, and CIGARETTES will be found.  
1613  
16 A Fire-proof safe in the House.

**Jesse Cowper,**  
**Boots & Shoes**  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN  
**LEATHER AND SHOE FINDINGS**  
Yates St., opp. Wells, Fargo & Co's.  
At the old stand of Webster & Co., is prepared to supply his wants of the public in his line  
**THE LATEST STYLES**  
Received by every Steamer from England and San Francisco.  
1613  
**BLANKS—MORTGAGES, DEEDS** & RECEIPTS, Book-keeping, done Low, at the BRITISH COLONIST Job Printing Office.  
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**The Seed Store,**  
YATES STREET, VICTORIA.  
**JAY & BALES**  
Have for Sale Wholesale and Retail an entire NEW STOCK of Island Raised  
**Agricultural, Vegetable and Flower Seeds,**  
GUARANTEED OF THE BEST QUALITY AND TRUE TO NAME. ALSO,  
**Fruit Trees and Bushes, Evergreens**  
And every description of NURSERY STOCK.  
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**J. H. TURNER, & CO.**  
WHARF STREET.  
Have received Ex "PRINCE OF WALES" from London,  
A VERY LARGE STOCK OF  
**GENERAL DRY GOODS,**  
Hosiery, Underclothing, &c.  
Particularly Adapted for WHOLESALE BUYERS.  
**J. P. TUNSTALL & Co.,** **J. H. TURNER & Co.,**  
8 Bow Church Yard, Wholesale Department,  
London. Wharf Street.

**Albion Shaving Saloon.**  
**GEORGE OTTO,**  
TONSorial ARTIST,  
(late of Melbourne, Australia.)  
**BEGS TO INTIMATE TO THE PUBLIC** of Victoria that he has opened the above-named Saloon on Johnson street, opposite Store street, where gentlemen can be accommodated in the latest and most approved styles.  
Particular attention paid to cutting Children's Hair.  
**CHARGES.**  
Shaving.....12 1/2 Cents  
Hair Cutting.....25 "  
Dressing.....25 "  
Shampooing.....25 "  
1611 1m

**DENTISTRY.**  
**MR. GEORGE ROBINSON** respectfully informs those of his friends and the public who wish to avail themselves of his professional services, that he will have pleasure in waiting upon them at his residence (16 to 17 near Taylor), upon their leaving a written request for him to do so either at  
Messrs. Moore & Co's Drug Store, Yates street  
Mr. T. Shephard's Drug Store, Johnson street  
Or at his residence, WOODBINE COTTAGE,  
1612 Victoria West.

**COURT OF REVISION.**  
**THE COURT APPOINTED MONDAY,** 17th day of February next for its first sitting, and directed the attorney of applicants to the following section of the "Victoria Municipal Amendment Ordinance, 1869."  
Sec. 6. "In case any person shall, whether by reason of a change in the value of property or otherwise, feel himself aggrieved at the amount at which he or any other person may be assessed, it shall be lawful for such aggrieved person to appeal to the Court of Revision if such person shall, on or before the day immediately preceding the first sitting of the Court, have caused the Clerk of the said Municipal Council to be served with a notice of such appeal and the grounds thereof."  
By order, WM. T. LEIGH, Jr., Clerk of the Court.  
Victoria, British Columbia, Jan 31, 1870. 161

**MONEY TO LOAN**  
**AT LOW RATES, ON FIRST CLASS** security.  
**HOUSES TO LET.**  
**TOWN AND COUNTRY PROPERTIES** for Sale or to Let.  
T. AULSOP,  
Agent,  
Government street, near Broughton.  
1610 6m

**JAMES N. THAIN,**  
COMMISSION MERCHANT  
—AND—  
**Accountant.**  
RESIDENCE—FORT STREET. 1610 1m

**COURT OF REVISION.**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the second sitting of the Court of Revision will be held on MONDAY, the 14th inst., at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.  
And notice is further given to all appellants against the Assessments of the Municipal Town Council that they must appear in person or by agent before the Court, to prosecute their appeals. In default of appearance they will be liable to have the appeal struck out.  
By order, WM. T. LEIGH, Jr., Clerk of the Court.  
Victoria, B. C., Feb 9, 1870. 1610 1d

**NEW GOODS**  
EX "PRINCE OF WALES."  
**HENRY NATHAN, JR. & CO.,**  
Have in Store and offer for Sale  
**The following NEW GOODS!**

**BLANKETS.**  
2 1-2 point, Blue  
2 1-2 d Black  
1 1-2 do White

**SHAWLS.**  
Real French Baroque, Long and Square  
Saxony, Tasmania, Trimmed, Queensland, &c.  
Scarfs  
Velvet Vestings  
Hosiery  
Navy Caps, Canvas  
Meerschaum and Briarroot Pipes  
Cigar Tubes  
English Straw Paper  
Cotton Seine Twine  
Hemp & Sturgeon do  
Sh p Twine  
Seaming do  
Barbour's Shoe Thread No. 10  
Fish Lines  
Wax Vestas  
Sago  
Tapioca  
Chollet's Vegetables  
Price's Candles  
Sardines  
Malt Vinegar  
Pickles  
Figs, Currants  
Raisins  
French Preserves  
Chain, 3-4 and 7-8  
Grain Sacks  
Sheet Lead  
Shot and Ball  
Yellow Metal & Nails  
Sal Soda  
Liverpool Salt  
Fine Lot Cut Glassware, consisting of Decanters, Wines, Hooks, Tumblers, &c.  
**IN BOND & DUTY PAID.**  
Jamaica Rum 36 O P  
Hennessy Brandy  
Hollands Gin  
Red and Green Case do  
Hunt's Port 4 Diamond  
Sherry, Duff Gordon  
Old Tom  
Bass' Pale Ale  
Whisky  
Orange Bitters, &c.  
**AND**  
A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF  
**GROCERIES**

**Boys' Gymnasium,**  
View Street,  
Between Douglas and Blanchard,  
**LEWIS STEINLEBER WILL OPEN THE** above Gymnasium for the instruction of Boys between the ages of 10 and 16 years, THIS (Saturday) EVENING at 7 o'clock, and continue until further notice.  
1616 1m

**C. FRANCIS BARNARD, M. D.**  
**Mechanical & Surgical Dentist,**  
**GRADUATE OF HARVARD** College, Mass.  
Office and Residence—Douglas street south of Fort.  
Victoria Sept 16, 1869.

**Victoria Nursery & Seed Establishment**  
**MITCHELL & JOHNSTON,**  
ARE NOW READY WITH  
**NEW SEEDS,**  
PRINCIPALLY THEIR OWN GROWTH,  
**For the Farm and Garden.**  
The Superior Excellence of their SEEDS is fully Established.  
Every requisite for the Farm and Garden at the Store.  
**OCCIDENTAL BUILDINGS,**  
FORT STREET, VICTORIA.  
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